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MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT FOR 1954.

Mr. Mayor, Aldermen, and Councillors,

I have the honour to present to you my Annual Report for the year 1954. This is in accordance with Circular 42/51.

VITAL STATISTICS.

POPULATION:- Registrar General's Estimate.

..5,190..

Live Birth Rate.

<u>LIVE BIRTHS.</u>		
Legitimate	42	34
Illegitimate	0	2
	<hr/> 42	<hr/> 36
		78

per 1,000 of the
estimated resident
population 15.02

	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
<u>STILL BIRTHS.</u>			
Legitimate	0	0	0
Illegitimate	0	0	0
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

<u>DEATHS.</u>	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
	26	29	55

Death Rate.

per 1,000 of the
estimated resident
population 10.59

Rates for England and Wales per 1,000 population:-

Live Birth Rate. _____ Death Rate. _____

DEATHS FROM PUERPERAL CAUSES.....0.....

DEATH OF INFANTS UNDER 1 YEAR OF AGE.....1.....

Rate per 1,000 Live Births.....12.82.....

Rate for England & Wales per 1,000

Live Births.....

NOTIFIABLE DISEASE (OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS):-

Disease	Total Cases Notified.	Cases Admitted to Isolation Hospital.	TOTAL DEATHS.
Small Pox.	0	0	0
Scarlet Fever.	0	0	0
Diphtheria.	0	0	0
Enteric Fever (incl. Para-Typhoid.	0	0	0
Measles.	177	0	0
Whooping Cough.	0	0	0
Erysipelas.	1	0	0
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	0	0	0
Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis	0	0	0
Dysentery.	0	0	0
Malaria	0	0	0
Pneumonia.	1	0	0
Acute Poliomyelitis.	0	0	0
Encephalitis Lethargica	0	0	0
Other diseases notifiable locally e.g. Erysipelas.	0	0	0

T U B E R C U L O S I S.

New Cases.

Deaths.

<u>Pulmonary.</u>		<u>Non-Pulmonary.</u>		<u>Pulmonary.</u>		<u>Non-Pulmonary.</u>	
<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>

Year 1954 - all							
Ages.	2	0	0	0	0	0	0

<u>Pulmonary.</u>		<u>Non-Pulmonary.</u>		<u>Totals.</u>	
<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>

Total cases of Tuberculosis on the Register at the end of 1953.....	20	8	1	2	21	10
Total on Register at end of 1954.....	22	6	1	0	23	6

W A T E R S U P P L Y.

Practically the whole of the dwelling houses in the Borough are supplied from the Council's public mains, the figures being as follows:-

Laid on direct to house.....	1,679
Water fetched from distant standpipe.....	2
	<u>1,681</u>

Houses (including isolated farms) having only a private well supply.....	<u>11</u>
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Total Dwellings in Borough.....	<u><u>1,692</u></u>
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Sufficiency. No shortage was experienced during 1954.

Quality. The supply is hard. Galvanised iron service pipes are used and no difficulty is experienced due to plumbo-solvent action. Permanent Chlorination Plants (Chloramine Process) are in continuous operation. The results of samples taken for Bacteriological examination during the year were as follows:-

<u>Date Taken.</u>		<u>Edgarley Supply</u>	<u>10 Acres Supply</u>	<u>Tor Hill Supply</u>
1954.		(Low Level)	(Inter. Level)	(High Level)
		Probable No. of Coliform Bacilli per 100 ml.		
January	6th	0	0	0
"	20th	0	0	0
February	3rd	0	0	0
"	17th	0	1	0
March	3rd	0	0	1
"	22nd	0	0	0
"	31st	0	0	0
April	14th	0	0	0
"	28th	0	0	0
May	12th	5	2	2
"	26th	0	0	0
June	9th	0	1	0
"	23rd	2	1	5
July,	7th	8	5	8
August	7th	0	0	1
"	18th	0	0	0
September	15th	3	1	1
"	29th	0	3	3
October	13th	0	0	0
"	27th	0	0	1
November	10th	2	5	13
"	24th	8	8	8
December	1st	8	3	8
"	8th	1	1	3
"	15th	0	0	0
"	22nd	1	0	0

WATER SUPPLY (continued)

Chemical Analysis. The results of the examination of seven samples of water taken on 27th April, 1954, were as follows:-
All results in parts per million.

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WATER SUPPLY. (Continued)

Extensions and Improvements during the Year. The laying of the Water Mains under the Briddham and Wick Water Scheme was completed and a further extension of Water Mains on the Windmill Hill Housing Estate was also carried out.

Future Proposals. A Comprehensive scheme prepared by the Wells Rural District Council for supplying parts of their District and in which Glastonbury Borough Council has agreed to participate is still under consideration.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

Extensions and Improvements during the year.

A further extension of sewers on the Windmill Hill Housing Estate was carried out during the year.

Future Proposals.

In connection with the proposed Sewage and Trade Waste Scheme referred to in the 1952 Report, the Council invited Tenders for the execution of the Scheme in December, 1953, and the Tenders were received in January, 1954. Negotiations for an Agreement with the Two Factories were still taking place at the end of 1954 and therefore no Tender has been accepted.

FOOD POISONING.

No outbreak of food poisoning occurred in the Borough during the year.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948.

Section 47. Removal to suitable premises of persons in need of care and attention.

No action was taken under this section during the year.

H O U S I N G

Provision of new houses in the Borough during 1954:-

	Erected and completed.	In course of Erection.	Conversions or Adaptations		
	Permanent.	Temporary.	Permanent.	Temporary.	

By Local Authority.	30	0	32	0	0
By Private Enterprise.	24	0	14	0	1
TOTALS.	54	0	46	0	1

- (a) Total number of Post War Houses completed by:-
 (a) Local Authority.....198
 (b) Private Enterprise..... 79
- (b) Estimated Housing requirements at end of 1954:-
 (a) Approx. No. of unfit houses in the Borough but on which no formal action has been taken. 22
 (b) No. of houses where action has been taken and owners have given written undertakings not to relet them for human habitation when they become vacant, under Section 11 of the Housing Act, 1936, which are still occupied 30
 (c) Overcrowding (Statutory) Nil
 (d) Where conditions are unsatisfactory e.g. two or more families living in one house but not included in (a) or (b) above. 172
- Total number of applicants for Council Houses at end of the year (including out-district applicants) 152
- (c) Action taken under Housing Act, 1936, during the year:-
 (a) Under Section 11. Owners giving written undertakings not to relet dwellings when the present tenants vacate them. 11 Dwellings
 (b) Closing Orders made. 0 "
 (c) Houses voluntarily closed by Owners without action under Housing Act, 1936, by Local Authority. 1 "
 (d) Houses demolished voluntarily. 1 "
- (d) General Observations:-
 Since the War, up to the end of 1954 a total of 198 new dwellings have been completed by the Local Authority, 79 by Private Enterprise, and 15 units of accommodation have been provided by conversion or adaptation making provision for 292 families in all.
- Up to the end of 1954 action has been taken under Section 11 of the Housing Act, 1936, in respect of fifty-seven houses, and in all cases the owners gave written undertakings in accordance with the Act not to relet them for human habitation when they became vacant. At the end of the year thirty of these dwellings remained occupied.
- Up to the end of 1954 two Closing Orders had been issued and the Houses were vacated and seven dwellings had been voluntarily closed by the Owners without action by the Local Authority.

HOUSING (continued)

Approximately 20 houses which are fit only for demolition in addition to those mentioned in the previous two paragraphs remain occupied.

The Total number of unfit houses now vacant in the Borough is 34 and one house has been demolished.

It will, of course, be necessary in due course for the Council to take action to obtain demolition of these properties unless the Owners put forward satisfactory schemes for conversion of the properties for some other use.

The total number of houses in the Borough at the end of 1954 was 1,681 of which 402 are Council Houses.

F O O D.

MILK

Number of registered Distributors.....	7
Number of registered Dairy premises.....	6
Number of Supplementary Licences issued to distributors outside area.....	1

MILK SAMPLING.

Tuberculin Tested.....	6	samples taken.	6	satisfactory
Pastourised.....	14	"	"	12

ICE CREAM.

Number of Premises registered for Manufacture and Retail.....	1
Retail only.	38

Number of Samples taken.	129
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Grade 1.....	82
Grade 2.....	34
Grade 3.....	5
Grade 4.....	8

PREMISES FOR PREPARATION OF FOOD.

Premises Registered under Section 14 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1938 for the preparation of food.....	52
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FOOD PREMISES IN THE BOROUGH.

Meat.....	7
Bakers.....	4
Milk.....	3
Cafes.....	7
Hotels.....	4
Grocers.....	21
Greengrocers.....	11
Fishmongers.....	3
Fish and Chips.....	1
Confectionery.....	14

SANITARY INSPECTION.

A Summary of visits made and matters dealt with by the Sanitary Inspector during the year is appended.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

T. H. A. PINNIGER.

Medical Officer of Health.

BOBROUGH OF GLASTONBURY.

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SANITARY INSPECTION

Visits and Inspections.

Housing and Sanitary Defects.....	182
Drainwork and Alteration to Premises.....	87
Factories Act.....	11
Food and Drugs Act (including Ice Cream premises).....	130
Milk and Dairies Orders.....	16
Rodent Control.....	325
River Pollution.....	4
Tents, Vans and Sheds.....	1
Infectious Diseases.....	1
Refuse Removal and Disposal Works.....	54
Vermin and Insect Infestations.....	1
Housing Estate Visits.....	232
Sewers, Sewage Works and Pumping Stations.....	87
Public Conveniences.....	58
Water Supplies, Reservoirs and Pumping Stations.....	113
New Houses (Private Enterprise).....	66
New Houses (Council).....	30

1,399

Matters dealt with.

Defective Drains repairs.....	16
Existing premises connected to Sewer.....	6
Water Closets installed.....	62
Lavatory Basins Installed.....	57
Baths installed.....	55
Sinks installed.....	56
Existing W.C.'s fitted with Flushing Cisterns.....	3
Premises Disinfected.....	1
Unfit Houses Closed or Undertakings not to relet.....	18
Rats and Mice Infestations	
Private Premises.....	28
Refuse Tip.....	2
Sewage Works and Pumping Stations.....	2
Sewers.....	1
Condemnation of Unsound Foodstuffs.....	31
Factories Act - Defects Remedied.....	3
Samples of Water Taken for Chemical Analysis.....	7
" " " " " Bacteriological Analysis.....	78
" " Ice Cream taken for Bacteriological Analysis.....	129
" " Milk " " " " " ".....	20
" " Sewage taken for Chemical Analysis.....	5
Number of Written Informal Requests Issued.....	21
Number of Statutory Notices Served.....	8
New premises Registered for the Sale of Ice Cream.....	2
Houses Provided with entirely new drainage system.....	55
Premises Licensed under Pet Animals Act.....	1

S. W. KING.

Sanitary Inspector.

